(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are stressing upon the contribution of the private sector in the expansion of university system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Revamping of higher education is a continuing process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is a substantial presence of unaided institutions in higher and technical education and the present policy is against any commercialization of education.

Mismanagement in Navodaya Vidyalayas

†585. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is utter mismanagement due to lack of any proper monitoring cell in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas being run by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the reports of fleeing away of children from several Vidyalayas have also been received;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have received complaints of providing sub-standard and contaminated food to children, harassment etc. in the said Vidyalayas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) has reported that incidents of fleeing of 18 students in 15 schools have come to their notice since April, 2004.

(d) and (e) Four incidents of allegation of providing sub-standard food by Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have come to the notice of NVS

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since April 2004, till date Two out of these cases were found to be substained. In one case, departmental enquiry was instituted and in the other case, the supply from a particular supplier has been discontinued.

Technical University for children of labourers

†586. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to open technical universities for imparting education to the children of the labourers working in organised and unorganised sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where Government propose to open such universities; and

(d) the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. G Sanjeeva Reddy has been constituted to study the prospects of establishing a Worker's Technical University which could help address the gap between demand and supply of technically qualified personnel.

Guidelines for Students Union Elections

587. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee appointed by Government to frame guidelines for the conduct of students union elections in Universities and affiliated colleges had submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the view of Government on the suggestions of the said committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the

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